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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

REF: A. STATE 132749 B. STATE 115288

1. TWA DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS BRIGGS
VISITED CAIRO JUNE 9-10. IN MEETING WITH DCM,
ATTENDED BY LOCAL TWA MANAGER CARROLL, PRESENT
STATUS OF CONSULTATION WITH EGYPTAIR OVER TWA
INCREASE TO DAILY SCHEDULE WAS REVIEWED.

2. BRIGGS AND CARROLL SAW EGYPTAIR'S COMMERCIAL
MANAGER SALAH SALEM WHO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT
INCREASED TWA CAPACITY WAS DRAWING FARES AWAY
FROM EGYPTAIR ON ATHENS AND ROME FLIGHTS.

3. TWA REPRESENTATIVE ALSO MET WITH FOUAD MOURSY
FROM MIN CIVAVIATION, BUT REPORTED THAT NO PROGRESS
WAS REGISTERED IN THAT MEETING. THEY GAINED
IMPRESSION FROM OURSY THAT EGYPTIANS INTENDED
TO RAISE THIS MATTER TO LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATIONS UNDER CIVAIR BILATERAL AGREEMENT. WHEN
THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT UPCOMING DEADLINE JUNE 30
OF POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN RESTRICTIONS ON TWA
DAILY FLIGHTS, MOURSY READILY AGREED TO EXTENSION
OF POSTPONEMENT TO JULY 31. WHILE WELCOMING THIS
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POSTPONEMENT, DCM TOLD CARROLL THAT EMBASSY AHD THUS

FAR RECEIVED NO INDICATION OR REQUEST FROM GOE
CIVAIR AUTHORITIES FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

4. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED WITH CARROLL POSSIBILITY
OF RAISING LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION TO THAT OF
MIN OF CIVAVIATION ABU ZEID IN MEETING AT WHICH
EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD ACCOMPANY CARROLL AND PRESENT
ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN PARA 4, REFTEL A.

5. WHILE CARROLL IS AGREEABLE TO THIS APPROACH,
EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT SUCH A MEETING MAY
PROVOKE OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOE FOR CONSULTATIONS
UNDER US/EGYPTIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT. RECALLING
DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO AVOID BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
ON GROUND THIS MATTER NOT APPROPRIATE SUBJECT OF
NEGOTIATION (REFTEL B), EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS APPROACH. PLEASE ADVISE.
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